Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I take it that the Hon'ble Minister will act up to the decisions of the Board.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: All decisisns will be scrutinised by the Government and if it is a practical proposition, Government is here to carry out such practical propositions.

TENANCY ACT REVISION COMMITTEE—EZHUVAS REPRESENTATION IN THE COMMITTEE

13. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted an article by Mr. T. C. Gopalan in Malayalam in the weekly "Sahodaran" published on the 5th June 1943 drawing their attention of their not nominating any Ezhuva Lawyer Member of the Legislative Council in the recently appointed Tenancy Act Revision Investigation Committee ;

(*b*) whether the Government has reconsidered their position and are going to nominate one of the Lawyer Members representing any one of the Ezhuva Constituencies of the Council considering the importance of Ezhuvas both as actual cultivators and also as Kanam Tenants in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is too late now to reconstitute the Committee.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I do not want to reconstitute the committee. It is enough if a lawyer member from that community also is included in that committee. Will the Government consider that point ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We will note that point and consider.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether by answer (*b*) Government is conceding the necessity of having an Ezhuva lawyer member in the Committee ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The question is "Whether the Government has reconsidered their position and are going to nominate one of the lawyer members representing any one of the Ezhuva constituencies of the Council considering the importance of the Ezhuvas both as actual cultivators and also as kanam tenants in the State. The answer is "It is too late now to reconstitute the committee"

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Secretary to the Government has already answered. He said that the matter will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am trying to point out that the answer "That it is a matter of opinion" does not follow from this. By the answer "It is too late now to reconstitute the Committee" are not the Government conceding the position that a lawyer member of the Ezhuva Community is a necessary factor in that committee ? Do the Government go to that extent is the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Government's position is that as representation have been made to them they will consider the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there any particular provision regarding particular communities in the Tenancy Act ? Is there any provision there, any provision that as far as Ezhuva communities are concerned the law will be worked out in a particular fashion, that as far as Ezhuthassan community is concerned it will be worked out in another fashion ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: The answer is obviously "No".

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether there are any Romo Syrians in that Committee ? Are there not cultivators and kanam tenants from that community also ?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I would like to know whether there is an Ezhuthassan lawyer in the Committee.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Is there a donkey lawyer in that Committee ?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Will the Government be pleased to nominate the Hon'ble Member for planters when they appoint a committee of bullocks ?

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Bullocks will do some work. They are not like the Hon'ble Deputy President who is sitting there and drawing allowance without any work.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വെറുമ്പാട്ടക്കുടിയാന്മാരിലും, കാണക്കുടിയാന്മാരിലും എത്ര ശതമാനം ഈഴവരുണ്ടാകും ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ശിവരാമമേനോൻ: അതിനു കണക്കെടുക്കുക ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അവരിൽ വലിയൊരുഭാഗം ഈഴവരാണെന്നറിയാമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ശിവരാമമേനോൻ: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. സമുദായ പ്രാതിനിധ്യം ആ കമ്മിറ്റിയിൽ വേണമെന്നും ആലോചിച്ചില്ല. കുടിയാന്മാരുടെ അവശതകളും ജന്മികൾക്കു അവയെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള സമാധാനങ്ങളും ശരിയായി അറിയുവാൻ തക്കനിലയിലുള്ള ഒരു കമ്മറ്റി വേണമെന്നു ആലോചിച്ചുള്ളൂ.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ: വേറെ വല്ല സമുദായങ്ങളിൽനിന്നു പ്രതിനിധികൾ വേണമെന്നു് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ശിവരാമമേനോൻ: ഇല്ല.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)* : May I know whether the Romo Syrian community is an important community ?

PROCLAMATIONS AND ACTS PASSED UNDER THE PREROGATIVE POWERS

14. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of Proclamations and Acts passed by the Maharaja without consulting the Legislative Council during the past five years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* :
A list is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : What is the number of the Act ? Is it not 89 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is 89.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS—WORKING OUT OF OFFICE HOURS

15. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it has become a usual practice with Government servants to go and work in offices and courts even on holidays and out of office time; and

(*b*) whether Government servants are compelled by their Superiors to do so ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Government officers may have to attend office at times during holidays and out of office hours to attend to urgent work; but Government do not think that it has become a usual practice.

(*b*) There is no case of compulsion but it is a case of fulfilling one's duty.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know whether the Government are aware that there is a chance of leakage of official secrets if clerks are given a chance to work in office out of office time.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : There is no chance for that. Even if a clerk works out of office hours that does not mean that there is chance of leakage of official secrets.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will the Government be pleased to concede the position that a clerk who is inclined in that way has got greater facilities out of office hours to do mischief of that sort than he has during office hours. It is because of certain difficulties that these questions are put.

Mr. President: Working out of office hours has got a different meaning from out of office. The correct procedure is to work out of office hours that is work in the office and not take the file home.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am sorry I have to make matters clear. After office time, has not a clerk who works beyond 5 p.m. better facilities for doing some mischief than he would have during 11 to 5.

Mr. President: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : May I know whether there is an exception to lady clerks ?

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